

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Explorer Post 400



Membership Requirements:

1. Young adults between the ages of 14 and 20.
2. Maintain at least a "C" grade point average.
3. Have Parental Approval.
4. Be of good health.
5. Be of good moral habits with no arrests or convictions.
6. Three (3) letters of recommendation (School Resource Deputy, School guidance Counselor, Clergy or Teacher).
7. Submit completed application with a \$100.00 non-refundable processing fee.
8. Have a current health physical.

Each applicant must pass a selection process which will include an interview and a background investigation.

To maintain membership:

1. Members must attend 80% of all Explorer meetings.
2. Members must attend 80% of all Explorer Functions.
3. Members must have dues current.
4. Members must maintain at least a "C" grade point average.
5. Members must abide by all rules and regulations governing Explorer Post 400.

Explorer Post 400 Meeting Information

When: Every Tuesday @ 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM

For More Information, Please Contact:

Where: Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex

4600 Kirby Loop Road
Fort Pierce, FL 34981

Senior Advisor Deputy Robert Doty

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Program Objectives

The intent of Law Enforcement Exploring is to educate and involve youth in Law Enforcement and to interest them in Law Enforcement functions, whether they enter Law Enforcement career or not. Through involvement, the Law Enforcement Explorer program establishes an awareness of the complexities of law Enforcement service.

The presence of a Law Enforcement Explorer Post within any agency can be a positive factor in influencing departmental attitudes, both internally and externally. Post members are given opportunities to see firsthand the efforts of commissioned personnel. Later, they share their observations with their peer group. Because Explorers are in the impressionable years of young adulthood, it is here that the basic tenets of civic responsibility can best be instilled. Additionally, commissioned personnel normally exposed to youth involved with criminal offenses can observe and experience the positive side of our community's youth. Exploring provides the Law enforcement community an opportunity to further an investment in its own future through relationships with fit and capable young adults.

About the Law Enforcement Explorer Program

Exploring can further each member's education, encourage participation in a rewarding and productive service activity, and enhance preparation for future roles as citizens and community members.

Several approaches are used to achieve the objectives of Law Enforcement Exploring. One of which is a weekly meeting where representatives of various Law Enforcement agencies (local, county, state, and federal) introduce Explorers to diverse aspects of Law Enforcement.

Secondly, Explorers have the opportunity to participate in Law Enforcement efforts in several areas, including, but not limited to, crime prevention, record keeping, radio communication, first aid training, as well as search and rescue procedures.

All activities are performed under the supervision of department members and demonstrate that Exploring can have more than a superficial role in Law Enforcement.

Purpose of Law Enforcement Exploring

The purpose of Law Enforcement Exploring is to provide young adults with an effective program designed to build positive character traits, develop personal and mental fitness as well as promote active citizenship.

The first goal of Exploring is to give youth an opportunity to pursue career interests with adults who can guide them to experiences they might not otherwise get in traditional educational settings, hands on experiences with people who work in a field or have knowledge of it. The first goal recognizes the difference between reading about sailing and going sailing, discussing Law enforcement and participating in Law enforcement.

The second goal of Exploring is to have youth appreciate more fully the meaning of working toward wholeness, seeing the interconnection of all aspects of their world, and understanding how this interconnection affects all of their activities, whether they are of a career or other special interest. That is why an Explorer Post organizes a program or activities around the six experience areas of: career, social, service, leadership, fitness, and outdoor. This kind of program helps us to understand more fully the meaning and benefits of maintaining balance in our lives; showing responsibility towards others and our community; and being mentally, emotionally, and physically stable.

What do Law Enforcement Explorer Posts Do

Law Enforcement Explorer Posts conduct a variety of programs and projects featuring safety, training, and service. Explorers have opportunities to learn about the requirements of Law Enforcement careers and gain firsthand work experience.

The following are program and project ideas that integrate Exploring six experience areas:

Career

Achieve a better understanding of America's social, economic, and Governmental systems.

Insight and practical experience in careers.

- *The history of Law Enforcement
- *Introduction to Law Enforcement
- *Note taking
- *Patrol procedures
- *Traffic control and radar operations
- *Accident investigation and forms
- *Criminal investigation
- *Crime scene investigation and photography
- *Vice and narcotics
- *Organized crime
- *Homicide
- *Search and arrest procedures
- *Defensive weapons
- *Custody
- *Fingerprinting
- *Domestic complaints
- *Weapon safety
- *Crowd control procedures
- *Riot control procedures

Service

Acquire the skills and the desire to help others.

Gain a keen respect for the basic rights of others.

- *Traffic control and parking at community events
- *Law Enforcement Week and Law Day participation
- *Special Olympics support
- *Crime prevention programs
- *Property identification
- *Security surveys
- *Neighborhood watch programs
- Communication center
- Photo lab
- Fingerprinting
- Motor vehicle registration
- *First aid training
- *Support of the Scouting Food Programs
- *Location of missing persons
- *Drug prevention programs
- *Bicycle safety and identification program
- *Child fingerprinting

Social

Build stable personal values firmly based on religious concepts. Learn to deal with all people and gain a sense of family responsibility

- *Exchange visits with other posts
- *Dinner or picnic for post members and families
- *Beach, lake or park trip
- *Communications seminar
- *Debate controversial issues
- *Attend sports events

Leadership

Gain a sense of pride in our American heritage. Prepare to give leadership, Gain and fulfill responsibilities to America and the forums of the world.

- *The history and role of Law Enforcement
- *The criminal justice system
- *Visit and observe
 - Courts
 - Correctional institutions
 - City prosecutor
 - Judge
- *Law Enforcement community relations
- *Mock trial
- *Law and the citizen

Personal Fitness and Development

Improve mental and emotional fitness.

Gain physical fitness and an appreciation of sports.

- *Physical agility course
- *Explorer Olympics
- *Investigation of alcohol and drug effects on highway safety
- *Medical exams
- *Job stress and relaxation techniques
- *First aid and CPR
- *Physical fitness-Project COPE
- *Challenge other post

Outdoor

Acquire a degree of self-reliance based on courage, initiative, and resourcefulness.

Gain an understanding and appreciation of the wise use of resources and the protection of our environment.

- *Crime scene search
- *Lost child rescue operation assistance
- *Fish and Game careers
- Parks and wildlife departments
- The Forest Service
- *Traffic control
- *Crowd control
- *A search and rescue mock event
- *Tree planting
- *Canoe trips
- *Hiking and camping trips
- *BSA high adventure bases
- *Survival training

Other ideas for trips and tours

- *Firearms range
- *Military police installations
- *Other Law Enforcement agencies
- *BSA local council camp
- *National Law enforcement Explorer Leadership Academy
- *National Explorer Conference
- *National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference

Explorer Interest Survey

Please check those activities, tours, projects, and seminars that you would like the Post to plan as part of its program.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane Ride | <input type="checkbox"/> Job-Interview Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force Base | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Colleges or Universities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist "Get Out the Vote" Campaign | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Industry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist handicapped citizens | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Offices of Elected Officials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile plant | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure-time Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Career |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbecue Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Mock Trial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Hike | <input type="checkbox"/> Morality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a Ham Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling | <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a Recycle Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a Car Wash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Olympic Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Defense | <input type="checkbox"/> Organize a Band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council/District Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake Breakfast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career Clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent's Night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Cleanup | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a College Panel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council/district Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan a Slide Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court Sessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Planetarium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CPR Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Police Station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> President's Physical Fitness Test |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dealing with People | <input type="checkbox"/> Progressive Dinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diet and Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse/Alcoholism | <input type="checkbox"/> Put on a Play |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Egg Hunt for Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Marksmanship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Picnic | <input type="checkbox"/> River Rafting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Sports Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Rally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing/Repelling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Roller Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Ski Weekend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gourmet Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Snorkeling/Scuba Diving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti Dinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a Post Reunion | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports tournament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby Smorgasbord | <input type="checkbox"/> Study the History of the Town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim Meet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to Buy A Car | <input type="checkbox"/> Train Trip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Styling | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Camping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Work on a Hiking Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting Safety | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice-Skating | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-Post Activities | |

Application for Membership

To Explorer Applicants and Parents:

In order to become a member of Explorer Post 400, the following criteria must be met:

Complete and Return the following attached forms

1. Membership Application (Copy of Driver's License or Florida ID Card if you have one)
2. Three letters of recommendation.
3. Current health physical (Copy of Insurance Card Attached)
4. Records Release
5. Full Release
6. Drug Testing Release
7. Firearms Training Permission/Release Form
8. Consent To Release for Newspapers, TV
9. Interest Survey Form
10. Include the required \$100.00 Registration Fee
11. Attend Three Consecutive Post Meetings
12. Complete Oral Interview by Advisor and/or Officer Board

To maintain your membership in good standing, you must attend 80% of all Explorer functions and meetings, dues must be up to date (currently \$2.00 per month), members must abide by all rules and regulations governing Explorer Post 400.

Explorer Post 400 is sponsored by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, the area chartered by the Learning for Life, and is a member of the Florida Sheriff's Explorer Association.

The purpose of the Post is to expose young people to the Law Enforcement community in a positive way. This is done by a combination of training, limited exposure in the field and by interfacing with certified Law Enforcement Officers.

For those young adults who are interested in a career in Law enforcement, there are several scholarship programs available to qualified applicants.

In addition to the Law Enforcement training, we have a variety of supervised leisure activities available. These include, (but not limited to) to travel, dances, scuba diving, target shooting, swimming, and softball.

Accident insurance for Explorer activities is provided through the Learning for Life. The cost of this insurance is paid through registration fees and monthly dues.

Although this Post is sponsored by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, their activities are not funded by the Sheriff's Office. We strive to teach young people responsibility by having them earn the funds necessary to support their activities through fund raising events. The amount of expenses that Post 400 will pay varies according to participation and funds available in their treasury.

Uniforms are initially provided at no cost to the Explorers by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office; however, replacement of lost or missing items must be absorbed by the individual they were released to.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Deputy Robert Doty, Post Senior at (772) 801-9324.

Membership Application

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Nick Name				
Address		City	State Zip				
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Place of Birth					
Date of Birth	SSN	Gender	Height	Weight	Hair Color	Eye Color	Religious Pref
List any other names you have used			School Attending	Grade			

Mothers Information

Last Name	First Name	Cell Phone	Work Phone
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Fathers Information

Last Name	First Name	Cell Phone	Work Phone
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Residency Information

Whom do you live with?	How long have you lived in St. Lucie County, FL?
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Additional Information

How did you hear about the Explorer Post?

Have you ever been a member of an Explorer Post before? if yes, where? and for how long?

Will you be able to attend most Explorer meetings, training, activities? Have you ever been arrested?

If yes, provide date, location, agency and offense

Have you ever been listed as a runaway juvenile? Have you ever been suspended or expelled from any schools?

If yes, provide date, School, and reason

Driver Information

Do you have access to a car? Do you have a driver's license?

Driver's license number Expiration Date Driver's license State

Please provide a photocopy of your driver's license

List all traffic violations in the past three years:

Vehicle owned or driven by you Vehicle tag number Has your license ever been suspended?

If yes, give details

Employment Information

Employed?

Employer Name

Address

City

Phone Number

Give a brief description of your duties and responsibilities at your place of employment

Medical Information

Do you have any allergies, physical defects, or emotional conditions, which would prevent:

Physical Training

Running

Swimming

Climbing

Self Defense Training

Firearms Training

Other

If yes, please explain

Do you wear glasses

Contacts

Both

Can you swim w/o assistance?

Is there any other information you think is pertinent to this application? Please explain here

I hereby make application to Explorer Post 400

Applicant's Initials

I understand that certain rules and regulations apply to all members and agree to abide by them.

Applicant's Initials

I understand that I may come across information that may be confidential; I agree to keep it that way.

Applicant's Initials

I understand that if I do anything that is contrary to the By-Laws governing the Post resulting in embarrassment for the Post, the office, or Sheriff, my membership will be terminated.

Applicant's Initials

I swear that I have not provided any information that is deliberately misleading, dishonest, or deceptive in this application.

Applicant's Initials

Explorer Applicant Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

For Official Use Only

Date of Meeting: _____

Date Application Received: _____

Investigation Assigned: _____

Investigation Finding _____

Attached NCIC Records (If Applicable) _____

Date Membership voted: _____

Accepted: _____

Rejected: _____

Date Applicant Notified: _____



Records Release

In order to get a good idea of the character of the individual applying for membership in the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Explorer Post 400, we request that parents sign the release form below. This form releases all childhood records in the area of law enforcement history and academic history. This forms allows the Senior Advisor of Post 400, Deputy Roxanne Bourbonniere, to speak with my child's guidance counselors, teachers at school and any other school official in reference to my child. Thank you for your cooperation.

I, the parent/guardian of _____ release all formal records of my son/daughter to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's *Explorer Post 400*. I do also realize that these records are recognized as FULLY CONFIDENTIAL and will remain so. I understand that if the RELEASE FORM is not signed, my child may not be accepted into *Explorer Post 400*.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Child's Legal Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____



Full Release

We, the undersigned Explorer Applicant and Parent or Guardian hereby fully release St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and all personnel thereof from any and all liability arising out of their permission for Explorer _____ to ride and associate with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and all personnel thereof as an observer. We understand and appreciate fully that the Explorer may be subjected to hazardous situations which can cause death or serious bodily injury by riding and associating with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and all personnel thereof as an observer.

Dated this _____ Day of _____ 20 _____

Explorer Applicant Signature

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

State of Florida
County of St. Lucie
Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ Day of _____ 20 _____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____
Date



Drug Testing Release

Be advised that St. Lucie County Sheriff's Explorer Post 400 has chosen to implement a random drug testing program similar to that of the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has a legal responsibility and management obligation to ensure a safe work environment, and protection of public trust and the integrity of the Sheriff's Office. EXPLORER APPLICANT _____ affirms that he/she currently DOES NOT use illegal drugs or narcotics and DOES NOT abuse non-prescription or prescription drugs and are prepared to provide a statement by licensed medical provider confirming this fact.

The undersigned EXPLORER APPLICANT and Parent/Guardian acknowledge that the Sheriff or Sr. Explorer Advisor will schedule random drug testing to include this EXPLORER APPLICANT. This testing will be conducted at the St. Lucie West Courthouse using the RAPID DRUG SCREEN, and may be administered without advance notice.

After the entrance testing, available with this application, the Sheriff's Office shall pay the cost of drug testing requested of the EXPLORER initiated by this office. Within five days of the Office receiving positive testing results, EXPLORER and Parent/Guardian will be notified in writing. The EXPLORER will be referred to counseling and/or rehabilitation and suspended from post activities until two consecutive tests return negative results.

The Sheriff's Office will not assume financial responsibility for any cost of treatment or testing during the suspension period.

Refusal to comply with drug testing request will result in immediate termination of Post 400 Membership.

We, the undersigned EXPLORER APPLICANT and Parent/Guardian hereby acknowledge that St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office has advised us of their random drug testing policy and agree to abide by the policy and procedures.

Dated this _____ Day of _____ 20 _____

Explorer Applicant Signature

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

State of Florida
County of St. Lucie

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ Day of _____ 20 _____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____
Date



Firearms Training & Competition Permission / Release

Part of the training and activities that the Explorers participate in is marksmanship training and competition and law enforcement tactical operations. This activity is optional, not mandatory. Marksmanship training is only conducted and supervised by state certified firearms instructors in strict accordance with the guidance's established by Learning for Life and the National Rifle Association. All other training is conducted under the supervision of law enforcement officers and trainers. Explorers will be firing semi-automatic hand guns using live .9MM caliber ammunition, semi-automatic .22MM riffles, CO2 handguns and rifles, modified Glock handguns, shot guns and rifles that expel simunition rounds and any other firearms deemed appropriate in the course of training and or competition. I also understand that during trainings and competitions that simunition rounds will be used as a training aid with my child and he/she may be struck with a simunition round.

If you wish for your child to participate in this program, the RELEASE OF LIABILITY PERMISSION form must be signed and notarized. No Explorer will be permitted to participate until this form is returned.

I, _____, the undersigned parent/legal guardian of Explorer _____, give permission for my son/daughter to participate in firearms training/competition with Explorer Post 400. I further agree to hold harmless the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, including any of its employees, agents, or other representatives, from any accident, illness, injury, or other loss or harm suffered from this activity.

I understand that this privilege may be terminated by the Explorer Post or agent of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's office if the Explorer fails to follow any instructions during training or competition.

Dated this _____ Day of _____ 20_____

Explorer Applicant Signature

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

State of Florida
County of St. Lucie

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ Day of _____ 20_____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____
Date



Consent to Release to Newspapers and TV

To publicize the achievement of our Explorers, Junior Cadets and Cadets, and the great work they do for our community, we occasionally publish our explorer’s names, photographs, achievements and awards to local newspapers or TV. We may also post the information on the Sheriff’s Explorer website.

By signing this form I consent to having my child’s photo, name, awards and achievements published in the newspapers/or newsletters, TV or Sheriff’s Explorer website.

Dated this _____ Day of _____ 20 _____

Explorer Applicant Signature

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

State of Florida
County of St. Lucie

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ Day of _____ 20 _____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____
Date